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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 4-28-58

**WEATHER** Cold weather prevailed during the week, with temperatures averaging about 10° below normal for this season of year. Precipitation ranged from moderate in the northwestern corner of the state and portions of the south-central and southeast to heavy elsewhere. Most of it occurred Wednesday, and in the west Friday night and Saturday. Heavy snow, with depths up to 6 inches, fell in the southern half of the Panhandle and portions of the southwest during both storms. There was much cloudiness, and several days were raw and windy.

**CROPS** Field work was again interrupted by wet weather last week and progress of spring tasks continued behind schedule. A few clear days and long working hours aided farmers in seeding spring grains, preparing ground for corn and sorghums, fertilizing land and other field operations, but rains checked progress almost everywhere in the state during part of the week at least. Oats and barley planting is close to 90 percent finished, but some sections did not get these grains seeded and the extended delay has required a shift to later planted crops, mostly corn, sorghums and soybeans. Some oats and barley remain to be seeded in the northern and western sections but most of the acreage in the main producing eastern areas is now planted.

Early planted oats and barley are up to a good stand. Recent rains were beneficial in giving new seedings a good start, especially where surface soil had dried after seeding or the ground was crusty and cloddy.

Winter wheat and other winter grains continued to make good progress. Wheat is growing rank but generally has good color. Some soil-borne mosaic is noted in eastern counties. Only a small part of the crop has been pastured despite the rank growth. Heavy rains flattened some of the most advanced fields in several central counties.

Cold weather slowed progress of alfalfa and pastures last week. Both crops could use sunshine and warmer weather. Cool season grasses have made good progress.

**LIVESTOCK** The week was generally favorable for livestock, although wet weather caused muddy conditions in some feed-lots again. Production rates, however, continue to improve and fewer reports were received on difficulties with new-born livestock.

More cattle are moving on new grass, and demand for stocker cattle is increasing as more pastures and ranges are opened for spring grazing. The peak of spring farrowings is passed. Litter sizes are reported to be somewhat above average in some areas, but expected to fall short of the record levels in the past few spring seasons.

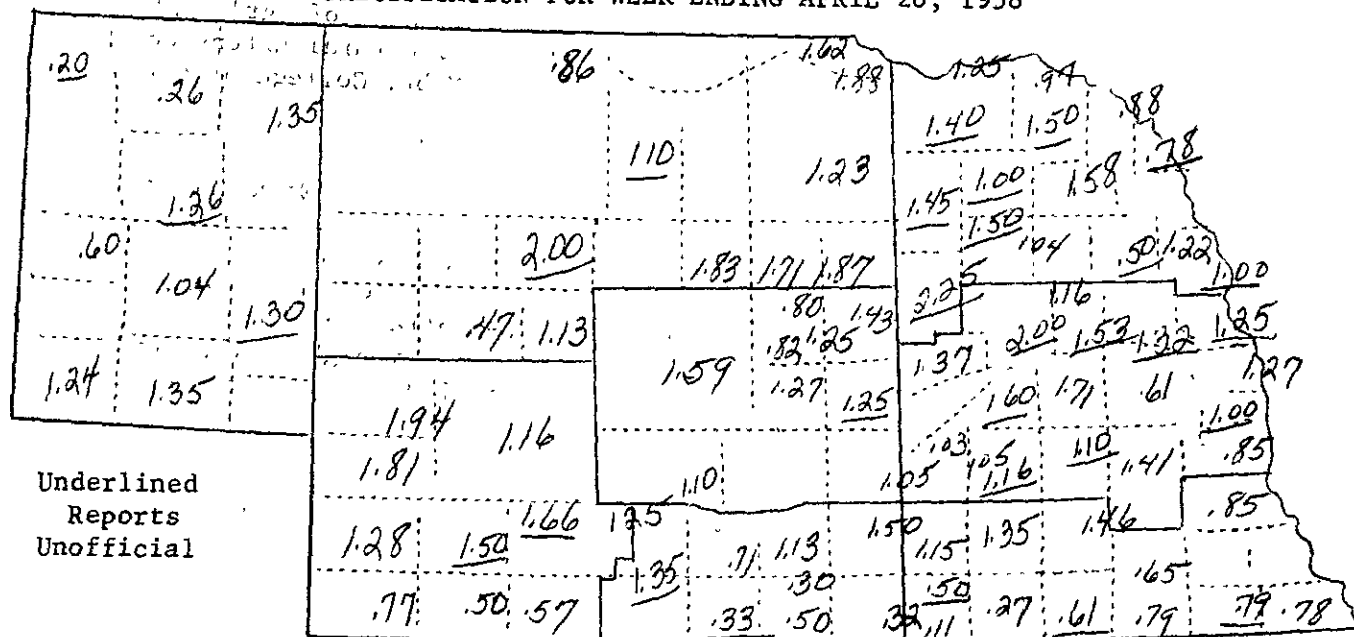
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 1958

	East	Central	West
Grand Island	1.45	Burwell 1.74	Chadron .22
Lincoln	1.57	North Platte 1.47	Imperial .91
Norfolk	1.13	Valentine .73	Scottsbluff .54
Omaha	.99		Sidney 1.31
Sioux City	.94		

Precipitation, April 1-25, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.92	1.40	1.12	1.16	1.16	1.13	.75	.82
Total Since April 1	2.01	3.01	3.46	2.79	2.82	2.04	1.67	1.93
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	1.56	1.68	1.91	1.68	1.92	1.59	1.76	2.07

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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		April													
		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th		28th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	51	33	52	27	44	25	40	26	40	35	45	36	58	30
	Scottsbluff	56	42	65	26	45	21	35	29	37	32	44	34	59	26
	Sidney	56	39	67	40	45	17	33	26	41	30	37	33	55	28
NC	Burwell	--	--	43	32	43	26	43	26	52	36	53	34	54	35
	Valentine	53	28	43	39	40	25	40	21	48	33	47	39	53	33
NE	Norfolk	56	29	53	42	45	32	47	29	52	40	52	36	52	41
	Sioux City	56	31	57	46	50	37	50	33	52	40	53	41	55	42
Cen	Grand Island	57	31	57	41	45	31	49	30	50	38	53	38	52	35
EC	Lincoln	59	35	58	44	49	35	52	37	55	42	55	43	59	44
	Omaha	57	31	55	44	47	34	51	33	52	33	51	38	54	42
SW	Imperial	61	36	71	39	43	22	41	26	43	30	41	35	57	32
	North Platte	58	32	58	40	43	24	43	28	45	32	43	37	52	33

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